

AROUND THE CITY

A man and a woman were selecting a floral piece to send to somebody's funeral.

Spread on the counter were shapes such as "Gates Ajar," a broken column, a sheaf of garnered wheat and a tin-foil reaper's scythe. The woman objected to them all.

"They are too stiff, and too hackneyed in design. I want something that means something."

The florist directed attention to a freshly made cross of white blossoms

that branch post office. We'll try this fellow breeding along and if he knew the town from 'a' to 'izzard.' Say, sir, will you direct me to the nearest branch post office?

The man who looked as if his local knowledge stretched from 'a' to 'izzard' stopped and smiled genially.

"No, sir; I cannot. I'm a stranger. Here with the convention (doctors or ministers, he didn't say which)."

"Well, blankety blank, blank!" exploded the man who wouldn't quit.

Please, sir, don't let me detain you any longer.

"Now, friend, you just stand alongside and be patient. This thing has got on my nerves. I'm going to find that branch office if I have to go to the Union station and get it out of the Postmaster General. Say, bub, you don't know where there's a nearby branch post office, do you?"

"Sure. You go up to the next corner and—"

"Good for you, son! Here's a nickel for your information, which is worth double the money. Pilot this old gentleman to the secret hiding place and I'll make it a dime."

The boy accepted his fee with a grin that showed snowy tussocks; the old man voiced grateful thanks and the man chuckled as he gave a parting pat to the age-bent shoulders.

"Well, we found it, didn't we? No matter how big the haystack is, you can always find the needle in it—allowing the needle is there."

A track ditch was fringed with laborers, who leaned against the asphalt bluff while a car on the off track passed by. Most of them were little foreign men with "native" complexions and beady black eyes, and all of them wore overalls of blue denim. One wizened youngster had a scarlet flower stuck in the band of his hat with its green leaves stark straying down to the raged brim. The flash of

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"Hullo, Hamlet; where did you get your flower garden, huh?"

He was such a jolly fat man that the wizened youngster took off his hat, kissed the flower and put it back on his head.

"It lay on the street and I picked it up. A bush of it grows at my sweet-heart's home near Naples—"

Memory is a powerful magician. The thin, brown face showed a flash of dazzling teeth and the beady eyes became midnight suns.

Then the car passed, the laborers swarmed back into the ditch, the fat man who had lured in the Prince of Denmark when the occasion called for Romeo crossed the track, and—

That was all there was to that.

Two men who looked as if they belonged to the salt-of-the-earth class came together at a business street in the business heat of the day. Both seemed to be in a rush to sign important papers.

"Hello, old man, where'd you get your suit? It's a dandy, all right."

"You bet it is, a dandy, cheap, too. Found a little French tailor working at half rates to build up trade—don't know beans about prices."

"Sounds good to me. Let me in on the ground floor, won't you?"

"No, sirree. You'll have to wait until I get my winter suit and an overcoat out of his shop. S'long."

And the mere spinstery person who overheard felt what a boon it is to be vouchsafed now and then the privilege of hearing them talk as man to man.

father to the oldest inhabitant. Say, sir, we are looking for the nearest branch post office. Will you kindly put us right?"

The old gentleman gave a ruminative glance that took in the surrounding atmosphere and answered with tranquillity:

"I used to know most everything, but my memory isn't so good as it was. But that's the Capitol down at that end of the Avenue, and that one at the other end is the Treasury."

The seeker spied a familiar face.

"Hi, you, Bally, where in thunder will I find the nearest branch post office?"

"Sorry, old man, but I don't know it from Adam. Got to hop along; only two minutes to 9—"

Friend Bally sprinted off toward.

"Indeed, sir, I don't like to put you to all this trouble—"

But when he had got far the old man was a cordially interrupted as before.

"That's all right. I'm going to find

From today the oyster season on the Potomac river and on Chesapeake bay and its tributaries will be in full swing both for tonging and dredging on the natural rocks, and oyster runboats that bring their cargoes to this city will now be able to load quickly instead of having to wait two or three days.

Under the laws of Maryland and Virginia, taking oysters with tongs is allowable from September 15, but the use of dredges or scoops is unlawful until November 1. The dredging season closes by law March 15, but tongs are allowed to work until April 25, when the season closes and any one found taking oysters from the public beds after that date subjects himself to imprisonment and the payment of a heavy fine.

Dredge Boats in Waiting.

Lying in harbors down river awaiting the opening of the dredging season are a number of dredge boats that have been waiting for several days for the coming of November 1, but it is stated little or no work will be done today, and the season will not really open until tomorrow morning. It is stated the number of dredge boats that will work on the Chesapeake and its tributaries this season will number more than 200, about equally divided between Maryland and Virginia. Most of the boats will work for the oyster packing plants at Baltimore and elsewhere, but a number will catch oysters to supply the market here and at Baltimore.

While reports in general are that there will be plenty of oysters, it is said that along the Kent county, Maryland shore the oysters are dead, having been smothered by sand and mud. Along the western side of the bay the oysters are said to be in good condition, but very scarce. From other parts of the Chesapeake and the tributaries reports are to the effect that there are plenty of oysters of marketable quality on the natural rocks and bars.

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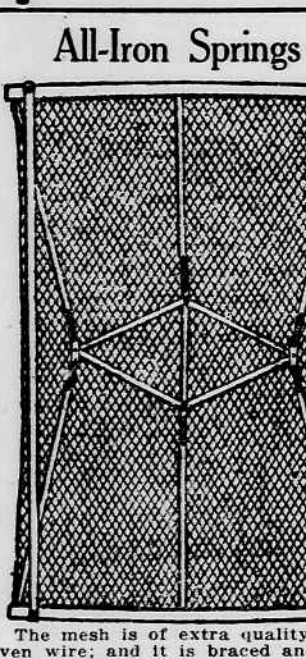
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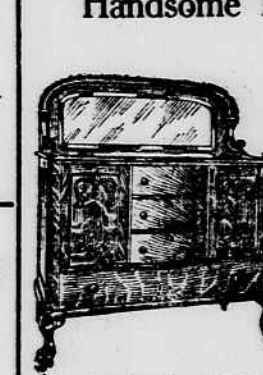
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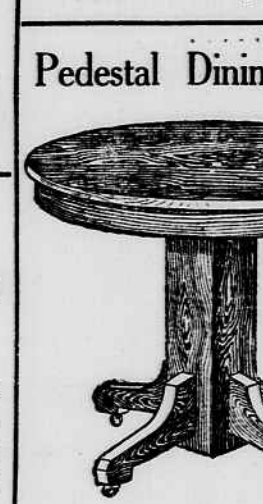
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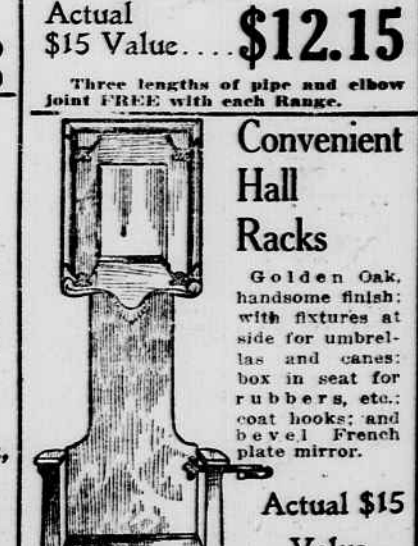
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